enforcement agencies, are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). Drug smuggling and trafficking is a clandestine activity. Since all narcotic drugs confiscated are liable to be destroyed and no authentic market value exists, no precise valuation can be made.

(c) The total number of persons arrested during 2002, in Gujarat, as reported by various drug law enforcement agencies is 154.

Statement

Details of narcotics seized during 2002 as reported by various Drug Law Enforcement Agencies

Name of the drug	No. of cases	Qty. in kg.
Opium	1167	1867
Morphine	148	66
Heroin	4328	884
Ganja	3687	88137
Hashish	2120	3295
Methaqualone	7	11130

Liberal withdrawals from Special Deposit Schemes

4055. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to permit liberal withdrawals from Special Deposit Schemes aggregating Rs. 1.25 lakh crore;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 80% of the corpus of the provident is invested from Special Deposit Schemes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for allowing liberal withdrawal from SDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) As per the notified Special Deposit Scheme, 1975 (SDS), refund of deposits are allowed under different events which, *inter alia* include winding up of the related establishment, obligatory payments, payments under a scheme of insurance

entered into with the Life Insurance Corporation of India or for purchase of annuities from that corporation.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The guidelines for refunds from SDS are renewed periodically and changes made accordingly keeping in view the objectives of the Schemes.

Investment of PSUs in share capital market

4056. SHRI MURLI DEORA : Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of PSUs under various Ministries and total investment towards share capital and loan capital made therein;

(b) the number of PSUs out of the above which have earned profit and paid dividend to Government 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(c) the percentage of dividend to the investment;

(d) the number of PSUs which have eroded their entire paid-up capital and if so, the reasons for the same; and

(e) the quantum of public money involved in and what plans Government have with regard to these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

NPAs of Banks

4057. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Net Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) for all scheduled commercial Banks have declined ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that gross NPAs of these Banks have increased;

(c) if so, what are the comparative figures for the last three years; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to check the mence of growing NPAs?